



Case Report

Summary

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MERCED COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
ORI Number: CA0240000

Case

Case Number: 2014-00035832
Location: 3371 N HWY 59
MERCED, CA 95340
Reporting Officer ID: SH0043 - GARCIA

Incident Type: SC212
Occurred From: 11/17/2014 11:30
Occurred Thru: 11/17/2014 11:30
Disposition:
Disposition Date:
Reported Date: 11/17/2014 11:30 Monday

Offenses

No.	Group/ORI	Crime Code	Statute	Description	Counts
1	CA0240000	I001	SC212	DEATH INVESTIGATION	1

Subjects

Type	No.	Name	Address	Phone	Race	Sex	DOB/Age
DECEASED	1	DOE, JOHN					
OTHER	1	WILLIAMS, BRANDON LEE			WHITE	MALE	07/11/1979 35
OTHER	2	DOMINGUEZ, CARLOS					
OTHER	3	CLOW					
WITNESS	1	SANDOVAL, JOSE, JR			HISPANIC	MALE	01/25/1971 43
WITNESS	2	LIGHT, AUSTEN LEE			WHITE	MALE	09/28/1995 19
WITNESS	3	MADRID, VICTOR EMANUEL			HISPANIC	MALE	06/25/1996 18
WITNESS	4	NUNEZ, ELIGIO			HISPANIC	MALE	04/21/1985 29
WITNESS	5	MANRIQUEZ, MARCOS			HISPANIC	MALE	11/15/1994 20

Arrests

Arrest No.	Name	Address	Date/Time	Type	Age
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Property



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Date	Code	Type	Make	Model	Description	Tag No.	Item No.
11/25/2014	EVIDENCE	CLOTHING, FURS, ETC			9-010 PURPLE SWEATSHIRT	21254	1
11/25/2014	EVIDENCE	CLOTHING, FURS, ETC			9-009 BLUE JEANS	21253	1
11/25/2014	EVIDENCE	CLOTHING, FURS, ETC			9-008 GREEN SWEATSHIRT	21252	1
11/25/2014	EVIDENCE	CLOTHING, FURS, ETC			9-007 WHITE T-SHIRT	21251	1
11/25/2014	EVIDENCE	CLOTHING, FURS, ETC			9-006 GREY/BLUE STRIPE SWEATSHIRT	21250	1
11/25/2014	EVIDENCE	CLOTHING, FURS, ETC			9-005 (1) PAIR GREEN SOCKS	21249	1
11/25/2014	EVIDENCE	CLOTHING, FURS, ETC			9-004 (1) PAIR GREY SOCKS	21248	1
11/25/2014	EVIDENCE	CLOTHING, FURS, ETC			9-003 BLUE PLAID BOXER SHORTS	21247	1
11/25/2014	EVIDENCE	MISCELLANEOUS			9-002 DNA CARD	21246	1
11/25/2014	EVIDENCE	TVS, RADIOS, STEREOs, ETC			9-001 AUTOPSY PHOTO CD	21245	1
11/18/2014	EVIDENCE	TVS, RADIOS, STEREOs, ETC			3-001 CD W/VIDEO FROM CVT	21132	1
11/18/2014	EVIDENCE	TVS, RADIOS, STEREOs, ETC			2-001 CD W/PHOTOS OF SCENE	21131	1

Chain of Custody

Date	Transaction	From	From Role	To	To Role
11/25/2014 09:16	Type: Intake Code: INVESTIGATIONS Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0085-RUBEN OROZCO		SH0274-ARLENE GUZMAN	
		21254			

Chain of Custody

Date	Transaction	From	From Role	To	To Role
11/25/2014 09:15	Type: Intake Code: INVESTIGATIONS Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0085-RUBEN OROZCO		SH0274-ARLENE GUZMAN	
		21253			

Chain of Custody

Date	Transaction	From	From Role	To	To Role
11/25/2014 09:14	Type: Intake Code: INVESTIGATIONS Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0085-RUBEN OROZCO		SH0274-ARLENE GUZMAN	
		21252			

Chain of Custody

Date	Transaction	From	From Role	To	To Role
11/25/2014 09:13	Type: Intake Code: INVESTIGATIONS Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0085-RUBEN OROZCO		SH0274-ARLENE GUZMAN	
		21251			



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11/25/2014 09:13	Type: Intake Code: INVESTIGATIONS Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0085-RUBEN OROZCO 21250		SH0274-ARLENE GUZMAN	

Chain of Custody

Date	Transaction	From	From Role	To	To Role
11/25/2014 09:12	Type: Intake Code: INVESTIGATIONS Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0085-RUBEN OROZCO 21249		SH0274-ARLENE GUZMAN	

Chain of Custody

Date	Transaction	From	From Role	To	To Role
11/25/2014 09:11	Type: Intake Code: INVESTIGATIONS Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0085-RUBEN OROZCO 21248		SH0274-ARLENE GUZMAN	

Chain of Custody

Date	Transaction	From	From Role	To	To Role
11/25/2014 09:10	Type: Intake Code: INVESTIGATIONS Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0085-RUBEN OROZCO 21247		SH0274-ARLENE GUZMAN	

Chain of Custody

Date	Transaction	From	From Role	To	To Role
11/25/2014 09:09	Type: Intake Code: INVESTIGATIONS Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0085-RUBEN OROZCO 21246		SH0274-ARLENE GUZMAN	

Chain of Custody

Date	Transaction	From	From Role	To	To Role
11/25/2014 09:09	Type: Intake Code: INVESTIGATIONS Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0085-RUBEN OROZCO 21245		SH0274-ARLENE GUZMAN	

Chain of Custody

Date	Transaction	From	From Role	To	To Role
11/18/2014 15:21	Type: Intake Code: INVESTIGATIONS Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0084-MIKE RUIZ 21132		SH0274-ARLENE GUZMAN	

Chain of Custody

Date	Transaction	From	From Role	To	To Role
11/18/2014 15:20	Type: Intake Code: INVESTIGATIONS Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0085-RUBEN OROZCO 21131		SH0274-ARLENE GUZMAN	



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Vehicles

No.	Role	Vehicle Type	Year	Make	Model	Color	License Plate	State
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REPORT 10 SH0085

ON 12-10-14 I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE AUTOPSY REPORT REGARDING THE DECEDENT, LUKE NEAL NUSBAUM, DOCUMENTED BY FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST MARK SUPER, REFERENCE CASE 2014-35835. I LEARNED THE INTERNAL/EXTERNAL EXAMINATION OF THE DECEDENT WAS CONDUCTED ON 11-18-2014, AT 1000 HOURS.

IN THE REPORT, DR. SUPER LISTS THE AUTOPSY FINDINGS AS FOLLOWS:

CONTUSION OF OCCIPITAL SCALP.
DEPRESSED COMMINUTED FRACTURES OF LEFT TEMPORAL-OCCIPITAL SKULL.
ACUTE SUBARACHNOID HEMORRHAGE.
BILATERAL CEREBRAL CONTUSIONS.
FRACTURES OF RIGHT 2ND RIB AND LEFT 2ND THROUGH 7TH RIBS.
BILATERAL PNEUMOTHORACES AND LEFT HEMOTHORAX (180 ML).
CONTUSIONS OF BOTH LUNGS; LACERATIONS OF LEFT LUNG.
FRACTURES OF PELVIS WITH SEPARATION OF RIGHT SACRO-ILIAC JOINT.
ABRASIONS OF MID-LOWER BACK AND DORSAL RIGHT HAND.
POSTMORTEM TOXICOLOGY: NEGATIVE FOR ETHANOL, ILLICIT DRUGS, AND ALL TESTED MEDICATIONS.

DR. SUPER LISTS THE CAUSE OF DEATH AS BLUNT IMPACT HEAD, THORACIC AND PELVIC INJURIES. PLEASE REFER TO THE AUTOPSY REPORT FOR FULL DETAILS REGARDING THE EXAMINATION.

NO FURTHER ACTION TAKEN.

OROZCO D98

*** APPROVED HALE S-7 ***

OfficerID: SH0043, Narrative**REPORT 1 SH0043**

ON 11/17/14, AT APPROXIMATELY 1131 HOURS, I WAS DISPATCHED TO CENTRAL VALLEY TRUCKING COMPANY LOCATED AT 3371 NORTH HIGHWAY 59, MERCED, IN REGARDS TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS RUNNING AROUND ON THEIR PROPERTY AND CLIMBED A SILO AND HAD JUMPED OFF OF THE SILO.

UPON ARRIVAL AT CENTRAL VALLEY TRUCKING, SGT. SZIRAKI, S-02, WAS ON SCENE. AT THAT TIME WE NOTICED AN INDIVIDUAL LAYING NEXT TO A SILO AND WAS BLEEDING FROM HIS HEAD. AT APPROXIMATELY 1140 HOURS RIGGS PARAMEDICS CHRISTOPHER CLOW AND EMT CARLOS DOMINGUEZ ARRIVED AT THE SCENE. PARAMEDIC CLOW PRONOUNCED THE TIME OF DEATH AT APPROXIMATELY 1144 HOURS.

DETECTIVE SGT. HALE, S-07, DETECTIVE OROZCO, 5198, AND DETECTIVE RUIZ, 5197, ARRIVED AT OUR LOCATION. AT THIS TIME WE WERE NOT ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE SUBJECT, THEREFORE, PENDING IDENTIFICATION BY THE CORONER'S OFFICE, THE SUBJECT WILL BE REFERRED TO AS "JOHN DOE". REFER TO DETECTIVE RUIZ'S AND DETECTIVE OROZCO'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS IN REGARDS TO THIS INCIDENT.

NO FURTHER ACTION TAKEN AT THIS TIME.

GARCIA 5154 / DDL 11-18-14

ON 11-17-14 I WAS ASKED BY DETECTIVE SERGEANT HALE TO RESPOND TO THE CENTRAL VALLEY CONCRETE/TRUCKING LOCATED AT 3823 N. HIGHWAY 59, IN MERCED, TO TAKE OVER A SUICIDE INVESTIGATION DEPUTIES WERE CURRENTLY WORKING ON. I LEARNED FROM SGT. HALE THAT AN UNIDENTIFIED MALE HAD RUN ON THE BUSINESS PROPERTY AND CLIMBED UP A 60-FOOT TOWER BEFORE JUMPING OFF OF IT. THE MALE WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD ON SCENE.

I RESPONDED ALONG WITH DETECTIVE RUIZ AND ARRIVED ON SCENE AT APPROXIMATELY 1157 HOURS. I WAS DIRECTED TO A CEMENT AREA LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST PORTION OF THE BUSINESS WHERE I MET WITH SGT. HALE WHO WAS ALREADY ON SCENE. THE SCENE HAD BEEN TAPED OFF BY RESPONDING DEPUTIES USING YELLOW CRIME SCENE TAPE. IT CONSISTED OF A CEMENT AREA NEAR TWO METAL "SILOS" USED FOR THE MIXING OF CEMENT AT THE BUSINESS. SEVERAL EMPLOYEES OF THE BUSINESS WERE STANDING OUTSIDE OF THE CRIME SCENE TAPE WAITING TO BE INTERVIEWED BY DETECTIVES. I SAW THE DECEDENT HAD BEEN RESPECTIVELY COVERED BY A BLUE EMERGENCY BLANKET. IT WAS LATER LEARNED THAT SGT. HALE HAD OBTAINED THE BLANKET FROM PARAMEDICS ON SCENE TO COVER THE DECEDENT.

AFTER HAVING HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH SGT. HALE, I LEARNED THE DECEDENT HAD NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED BY ANY OF THE EMPLOYEES WHO WITNESSED THIS INCIDENT. SGT. HALE SAID THE DECEDENT HAD SEVERED HIS NECK AFTER HAVING HIT THE CEMENT FROM THE FALL. I WAS TOLD THE EMPLOYEES HAD ATTEMPTED TO SPEAK WITH THE DECEDENT WHEN HE WAS FIRST ENCOUNTERED ON THE PROPERTY; HOWEVER, HE IGNORED THEM. EMPLOYEES ON SCENE ALSO FELT IT WAS AWKWARD THAT THE DECEDENT WAS NOT WEARING SHOES. SGT. HALE DESCRIBED THE DECEDENT AS A HISPANIC MALE ADULT WHO APPEARED TO BE ABOUT 18-19 YEARS OF AGE, WITH A THIN BUILD, LONG BLACK HAIR AND BROWN EYES. HE WAS DESCRIBED AS WEARING A WHITE T-SHIRT, A GREEN ZIPPER HOODED SWEATER, WITH A MULTI COLORED SWEATER OVER IT, AND BLUE JEANS PANTS AND COLORED SOCKS.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SGT. HALE TOOK OVERALL PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE SCENE AS I BEGAN CONDUCTING INTERVIEWS WITH EMPLOYEES. THOSE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE LATER DOWNLOADED TO A DISC AND LOGGED INTO EVIDENCE AT THE SHERIFF INVESTIGATIONS OFFICE AS ITEM 2-1. DETECTIVE RUIZ WAS ALSO ABLE TO OBTAIN VIDEO SURVEILLANCE FROM THE BUSINESS WHICH CAPTURES THE DECEDENT ON THE PROPERTY. PLEASE REFER TO HIS SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT #3 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

WHILE ON SCENE, DEPUTY CORONER J. HICKS ARRIVED ON SCENE ALONG WITH FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST M. SUPER. PRIOR TO THE DECEDENT BEING TRANSPORTED TO THE CORONER'S OFFICE, I SPOKE WITH J. HICKS. I LEARNED THE DECEDENT DID NOT HAVE ANY TYPE OF IDENTIFICATION ON HIM. J. HICKS TOLD ME SHE WOULD WORK ON TRYING TO IDENTIFY HIM ONCE AT THE CORONER'S OFFICE AND WOULD LET ME KNOW ONCE HE WAS IDENTIFIED.

FURTHER INVESTIGATION PENDING.

AN EVIDENCE TAG WAS INCLUDED WITH THIS REPORT

OROZCO D98

***** APPROVED HALE S-7 *****

ON 11/17/2014 AT APPROXIMATELY 1157 HOURS, WHILE AT THE DETECTIVES OFFICE, I WAS INFORMED BY DETECTIVE SERGEANT CHARLES HALE OF A POSSIBLE SUICIDE. THE INITIAL DETAILS WERE THAT THE SUBJECT RAN ONTO THE PROPERTY OF CENTRAL VALLEY TRUCKING, CLIMBED A SILO, AND JUMPED OFF.

I LATER ARRIVED AND SPOKE TO BRANDON WILLIAMS, THE PLANT SUPERVISOR. WHILE ON THE PROPERTY I NOTICED THERE WERE SEVERAL SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS THROUGHOUT THE BUSINESS. I ASKED WILLIAMS IF HE WOULD ALLOW ME TO REVIEW THE VIDEO SURVEILLANCE. WILLIAMS SEARCHED THE TIME WHEN THE SUBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN ON THE PLANT, WHICH WAS AROUND 11:27AM. THE FRONT CAMERA WHICH IS SET TO RECORD ON MOTION DIDN'T CAPTURE THE SUBJECT COME ONTO THE PROPERTY. WILLIAMS WAS ABLE TO IDENTIFY THREE SEPARATE CAMERA ANGLES LOCATED ON THE SOUTH PORTION OF THE PROPERTY WHICH DID SHOW THE SUBJECT JOGGING THROUGH THE PROPERTY.

THE FIRST CAMERA LABELED "180-LC" FIRST SHOWED A SUBJECT WEARING DARK CLOTHING JOGGING INTO THE PROPERTY IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION. THE SUBJECT APPEARED TO BE WEARING A DARK HOODED SWEATSHIRT, DARK JEANS, AND ONLY SOCKS. THE TIME STAMP ON THE CAMERA SHOWS THE TIME AS 11:27. AS THE SUBJECT IS SEEN JOGGING THROUGH THE PROPERTY, HE'S CONFRONTED BY EMPLOYEE JOSE SANDOVAL, ACCORDING TO WILLIAMS. ONCE THE SUBJECT IS CONFRONTED IT APPEARS THE SUBJECT RUNS AWAY FROM THE EMPLOYEE HEADING WEST INTO THE PLANT.

THE SECOND CAMERA LABELED "180-R" SHOWS THE SAME SUBJECT JOGGING DEEPER INTO THE PROPERTY. THE TIME STAMP ON THE VIDEO SHOWS 11:27:52. THE SUBJECT IS SEEN BEING FOLLOWED BY SANDOVAL. THIS VIEW APPEARS TO BE FROM A SHOP ON THE PROPERTY. SANDOVAL IS SEEN RUNNING TO THE BACK OF THE PROPERTY AND TWO MALE SHOP WORKERS WEARING BLUE COVERALLS ALSO RUNNING TOWARDS THE BACK OF THE PROPERTY.

THE THIRD CAMERA LABELED "BACK" SHOWS THE SAME SUBJECT JOGGING TOWARDS THE BACK OF THE PROPERTY. THE TIME STAMP ON THE VIDEO SHOWS 11:27:55. THE SUBJECT JOGS TOWARDS TWO SILOS LOCATED IN THE BACK OF THE PROPERTY. THE SUBJECT IS THEN SEEN CLIMBING THE SMALLER OF THE TWO SILOS. AS THE SUBJECT BEGINS TO CLIMB THE SILO, SANDOVAL RUNS IN THE DIRECTION OF THE SILO. THE TWO SHOP WORKERS ALSO RUN IN THE DIRECTION OF THE SILO. THE VIDEO IS SET ON MOTION AND ONLY CAPTURES THE SUBJECT CLIMB TO THE TOP OF THE SILO. WILLIAMS LATER PROVIDED THE NAMES OF THE TWO SHOP WORKERS SEEN IN THE VIDEO AS MARCOS MANRIQUEZ AND ELIGIO NUNEZ.

I HAD WILLIAMS DOWNLOAD THE VIDEO ONTO MY THUMB DRIVE WHICH I LATER PLACED ONTO A CD-R. I LATER LOGGED THE CD-R INTO EVIDENCE AT THE MERCED COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT UNDER ITEM 3-1.

NO FURTHER ACTION TAKEN AT THIS TIME.

RUIZ D97 / JW 11-21-14

*** APPROVED HALE S-7 ***

ON 11-17-14, AT APPROXIMATELY 1200 HOURS, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY CONDUCT AN INTERVIEW WITH THE BUSINESS SUPERVISOR, JOSE SANDOVAL, D.O.B 01-25-71. JOSE HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE FIRST PERSON WHO ATTEMPTED TO SPEAK WITH THE DECEDENT WHEN HE WAS FIRST SEEN ON THE PROPERTY.

AFTER HAVING INTRODUCED MYSELF TO JOSE, HE AGREED TO SPEAK WITH ME INSIDE MY UNMARKED MERCED COUNTY VEHICLE PARKED OUTSIDE OF THE SCENE. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF JOSE'S STATEMENTS:

IN SPEAKING WITH JOSE, I LEARNED HE IS A SUPERVISOR AT THE BUSINESS WHO SHUTTLES TRUCKS FROM THE FRONT PARKING LOTS CLOSEST TO N. HIGHWAY 59 TO THE NORTHWEST PORTION OF THE PROPERTY WHERE THEY GET WASHED. THIS AREA WHERE THE TRUCKS GET WASHED IS ABOUT 25 YARDS WEST OF THE SILO WHICH THE DECEDENT HAD JUMPED OFF OF.

ACCORDING TO JOSE, HE WAS DRIVING A TRUCK TO THE FRONT LOT NEAR THE FRONT ENTRANCE FURTHEST SOUTH OF THE MAIN OFFICE. WHILE PARKING THE TRUCK, JOSE SAW THE DECEDENT WAS ON THE PROPERTY JOGGING AT A SLOW PACE IN A WESTERN DIRECTION. JOSE FELT IT WAS ODD THAT THE DECEDENT WAS NOT WEARING SHOES AND APPEARED TO HAVE A "BLANK STARE" AS HE LOOKED STRAIGHT AHEAD. FURTHERMORE, JOSE SAID THE DECEDENT LOOKED PALE AND WAS VERY THIN, WHAT HE BELIEVED TO BE AROUND 90 LBS. JOSE SAID HE BEGAN WALKING TOWARDS THE DECEDENT AND ONCE WITHIN 10 FEET OF HIM ASKED, "CAN I HELP YOU?" STATING THE DECEDENT MUMBLED SOMETHING AND POINTED IN THE DIRECTION OF THE SILOS. JOSE WAS NOT ABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS SAID, STATING THE DECEDENT THEN BEGAN RUNNING AT A FULL SPRINT IGNORING HIM.

JOSE SAID THE DECEDENT CONTINUED RUNNING UNTIL REACHING THE SMALLER OF THE TWO SILOS, WHICH HE ESTIMATED TO BE AROUND 150 FEET IN HEIGHT. BEFORE JOSE COULD CATCH UP TO THE DECEDENT, HE SAW HIM CLIMBING UP THE STAIRS TO THE TOP OF THE SILO. JOSE ALONG WITH SEVERAL OTHER EMPLOYEES BEGAN YELLING AT THE DECEDENT TO "GET DOWN"; HOWEVER, SAID THEY WERE IGNORED. BASED ON THE DECEDENT'S DEemeanOR AND HIM HAVING A "BLANK STARE" JOSE SAID HIS BEST GUESS WOULD BE THAT HE WAS NOT MENTALLY STABLE.

ACCORDING TO JOSE, HIS EMPLOYEE, ELIGIO NUNEZ, BEGAN CLIMBING THE SILO IN AN ATTEMPT TO STOP THE DECEDENT FROM MAKING IT TO THE TOP. BEFORE ELIGIO CAN MAKE IT TO THE TOP, THE DECEDENT JUMPED OFF FROM THE TOP OF THE SILO LANDING ON THE CEMENT GROUND WHERE HE WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD. JOSE SAID THE DECEDENT JUMPED OFF WITHIN A COUPLE OF SECONDS OF MAKING IT TO THE TOP OF THE SILO.

I LEARNED JOSE BEGAN WORK TODAY AT 0530 HOURS, STATING HE USUALLY GETS OFF AROUND 1700 HOURS. ACCORDING TO JOSE, HE HAD NOT SEEN THE DECEDENT ON THE PROPERTY DURING THE TIME HE HAD BEEN WORKING TODAY. JOSE SAID HE DOES NOT KNOW WHO THE DECEDENT IS AND HE IS NOT A FORMER OR CURRENT EMPLOYEE. WHEN ASKED, JOSE SAID HE DID NOT SEE ANY VEHICLES IN THE AREA HE DID NOT RECOGNIZE AND BELIEVES THE DECEDENT JUST HAPPENED TO WALK ON THE PROPERTY AND WAS NOT DROPPED OFF BY ANYONE.

JOSE AGREED TO GATHER THE EMPLOYEES THAT WERE IN THE AREA THAT WITNESSED THIS INCIDENT IN ORDER FOR ME TO SPEAK WITH THEM. NO FURTHER INFORMATION WAS GATHERED AND JOSE WAS THANKED FOR HIS TIME.

FURTHER INVESTIGATION PENDING.

END OF REPORT.

OROZCO D98

***** APPROVED HALE S-7 *****

ON 11-17-14, AT APPROXIMATELY 1212 HOURS, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH AUSTEN LIGHT, D.O.B 09-28-95, AN EMPLOYEE AT CENTRAL VALLEY TRUCKING. I WAS TOLD AUSTEN HAD BEEN WORKING IN THE AREA NEAR WHERE THE TRUCKS GET WASHED WHEN THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED.

AFTER HAVING INTRODUCED MYSELF, AUSTEN AGREED TO SPEAK WITH ME ABOUT WHAT HE WITNESSED. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF AUSTEN'S STATEMENTS:

AUSTEN WENT ON TO TELL ME HE WAS SWEEPING THE AREA IN BETWEEN THE SILOS AND THE TRUCK WASH AREA. AUSTEN STATED THAT WHILE HE WAS FACING WEST TOWARDS THE TRUCK WASH, HE HEARD HIS SUPERVISOR, JOSE, YELLING LOUDLY "HEY, HEY." INITIALLY AUSTEN DID NOT KNOW WHERE THE YELLING WAS COMING FROM, BUT WHEN HE LOOKED IN THE DIRECTION OF THE SILOS HE SAW THE DECEDENT WAS ALREADY HALF WAY UP THE STAIRS CLIMBING ON THE SILO.

AUSTEN RECALLS OTHER CO-WORKERS ALONG WITH JOSE WERE YELLING AT THE DECEDENT TO "GET DOWN"; HOWEVER, HE IGNORED THEM AND CONTINUED CLIMBING ON THE SILO UNTIL REACHING THE TOP OF IT. ACCORDING TO AUSTEN, HE SAW HIS CO-WORKER ELIGIO CLIMBING THE STAIRS BEHIND THE DECEDENT IN AN ATTEMPT TO GET HIM DOWN, STATING THAT ELIGIO DID NOT MAKE IT UP IN TIME. ONCE AT THE TOP, AUSTEN SAID THE DECEDENT WALKED IN A COUNTER CLOCKWISE DIRECTION AT THE TOP OF THE SILO. AUSTEN SAW THE DECEDENT PLACE BOTH HANDS ON THE TOP RAILING OF THE SILO BEFORE PLACING HIS LEGS ON THE LOWER RAILING WHERE HE THEN "JUST LEAPED," LANDING ON HIS HEAD ON THE CEMENT FLOOR. WHEN ASKED, AUSTEN SAID THE DECEDENT IGNORED EVERYONE WHO WAS ASKING HIM TO GET DOWN SAYING HE MAY HAVE HIGH ON DRUGS. AUSTEN SAID THERE WAS NO HESITATION BY THE DECEDENT TO JUMP OFF THE SILO, STATING IT HAPPENED SO QUICKLY.

WHEN ASKED, AUSTEN TOLD ME HE BEGAN WORK TODAY AT 0700 HOURS, AND DURING HIS TIME OF WORKING TODAY HAD NOT SEEN THE DECEDENT ON THE PROPERTY AND FURTHERMORE, DOES NOT KNOW WHO HE IS. HE ALSO ADDED THAT IT WAS ODD THE DECEDENT WAS NOT WEARING SHOES.

AUSTEN COULD NOT PROVIDE ME WITH ANY FURTHER INFORMATION AND HE WAS THANKED FOR HIS TIME.

FURTHER INVESTIGATION PENDING.

END OF REPORT.

OROZCO D98

*** APPROVED HALE S-7 ***

ON 11-17-14, AT APPROXIMATELY 1220 HOURS, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH VICTOR MADRID, D.O.B 06-25-96, AN EMPLOYEE AT CENTRAL VALLEY TRUCKING. VICTOR HAD ALSO BEEN IDENTIFIED AS AN EMPLOYEE WHO WAS WORKING AT THE TRUCK WASH WHEN THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED.

AFTER HAVING INTRODUCED MYSELF, VICTOR AGREED TO SPEAK WITH INSIDE MY UNMARKED VEHICLE. DURING MY SHORT CONVERSATION WITH VICTOR, HE STATED THE FOLLOWING IN SUMMARY:

VICTOR WENT ON TO TELL ME HE WORKS WASHING TRUCKS THAT ARE SHUTTLED IN BY HIS SUPERVISOR JOSE. VICTOR SAID WHILE WASHING ONE OF THE TRUCKS, HE HEARD JOSE YELLING "HEY, HEY" IN THE GENERAL AREA BEHIND HIM REFERRING TO THE AREA WHERE THE SILOS ARE LOCATED. WHEN VICTOR TURNED AROUND TO SEE WHAT WAS GOING ON, HE SAW THE DECEDENT WAS CLIMBING UP THE SHORTER OF THE TWO SILOS, STATING HE WAS ABOUT HALF WAY UP THE STAIRS.

VICTOR SAID HIS CO-WORKER ELIGIO CAME RUNNING TO THE SILO FROM THE SHOP AREA AND BEGAN CLIMBING UP THE STAIRS AS WELL, TRYING TO CATCH UP TO THE DECEDENT. JOSE ALONG WITH OTHER EMPLOYEES BEGAN YELLING AT THE DECEDENT TO GET DOWN; HOWEVER, VICTOR SAID THE DECEDENT CONTINUED CLIMBING UNTIL REACHING THE TOP OF THE SILO. VICTOR SAID THE DECEDENT "CAME IN AND HIS GOAL WAS TO DO THAT" STATING HE IGNORED EVERYONE YELLING AT HIM. ONCE THE DECEDENT MADE IT TO THE TOP, HE WALKED IN A COUNTER CLOCKWISE DIRECTION ALONG THE RAILING BEFORE JUMPING DOWN, LANDING ON HIS HEAD. VICTOR SAID THIS HAPPENED SO QUICKLY AND WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANYONE TO HAVE DONE SOMETHING TO STOP IT.

WHEN ASKED, VICTOR TOLD ME HE HAD JUST STARTED WORK AT 1100 HOURS. VICTOR SAID HE DOES NOT KNOW THE DECEDENT AND DID NOT SEE HIM ANY PREVIOUS TIME ON THE PROPERTY.

VICTOR COULD NOT PROVIDE ME WITH ANY FURTHER INFORMATION THAT COULD HELP IN WITH THIS INVESTIGATION. HE WAS THANKED FOR HIS TIME AND THIS CONCLUDED MY INTERVIEW WITH HIM.

FURTHER INVESTIGATION PENDING.

END OF REPORT.

OROZCO D98

*** APPROVED HALE S-7 ***

ON 11-17-14, AT APPROXIMATELY 1227 HOURS, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONDUCT AN INTERVIEW WITH ELIGIO NUNEZ, D.O.B 04-21-85, ALSO AN EMPLOYEE OF CENTRAL VALLEY TRUCKING.

AFTER HAVING INTRODUCED MYSELF, ELIGIO AGREED TO SPEAK WITH ME INSIDE MY UNMARKED VEHICLE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT MY INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED IN SPANISH AT HIS REQUEST. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF ELIGIO'S STATEMENTS:

ELIGIO BEGAN BY TELLING ME HE WAS GETTING READY TO TAKE HIS LUNCH BREAK AT APPROXIMATELY 1130 HOURS ALONG WITH HIS CO-WORKER MARCOS. ELIGIO EXPLAINED HE WORKS AS A MECHANIC IN THE SHOP LOCATED JUST EAST OF THE SILOS WHERE THIS INCIDENT TOOK PLACE.

AFTER HAVING WALKED OUT OF THE SHOP, ELIGIO SAID HE SAW THE DECEDENT WALKING QUICKLY ONTO THE PROPERTY FROM THE ENTRANCE FURTHEST SOUTH OF THE PROPERTY. ELIGIO SAID HE FELT SOMETHING WAS WRONG AS THE DECEDENT WAS NOT WEARING SHOES AND HE HAD A "BLANK STARE" AS IF HE WAS HIGH ON DRUGS, FURTHER STATING THE DECEDENT WAS WALKING AT A FAST PACE THROUGH THE PARKING LOT. CONCERNED FOR THE DECEDENT, ELIGIO WALKED OVER TO SPEAK WITH SUPERVISOR JOSE WHO WAS PARKING A TRUCK IN THE PARKING LOT TO LET HIM ABOUT THE DECEDENT BEING ON THE PROPERTY.

ELIGIO SAID THAT ONCE HE NOTIFIED JOSE, HE BEGAN WALKING AWAY MAKING HIS WAY BACK TO THE SHOP. AS HE WAS WALKING INTO THE SHOP, HE HEARD JOSE YELL "HEY, HEY", FURTHER STATING "HE'S RUNNING." ELIGIO SAID HE BEGAN RUNNING AFTER THE DECEDENT WHO WAS RUNNING TOWARDS THE SILOS IN AN ATTEMPT TO DETAIN HIM. ELIGIO SAID HE WAS UNABLE TO CATCH UP TO THE DECEDENT STATING HE SAW HIM GOING UP THE STAIRS OF THE SMALLER OF THE TWO SILOS. DUE TO HIM HAVING WORKED THIS AREA BEFORE AND HAVING TO CLIMB UP THE SILO IN THE PAST, ELIGIO FELT COMFORTABLE GOING AFTER THE DECEDENT WHO WAS ALREADY ABOUT THREE QUARTERS OF THE WAY UP THE STAIRS. BEFORE HE COULD REACH THE TOP OF THE SILO NEAR THE RAILING, ELIGIO SAID HE SAW THE DECEDENT'S LEGS GOING OVER THE RAILING BEFORE SEEING HIM LAND HEAD FIRST ON THE CEMENT GROUND. ELIGIO SAID OTHER EMPLOYEES WERE YELLING AT THE DECEDENT TO GET DOWN; HOWEVER, HE IGNORED ANYTHING THEY HAD TO SAY. ELIGIO ALSO SAID THIS INCIDENT HAPPENED SO QUICKLY STATING THE DECEDENT DID NOT TALK TO ANYONE OR EVEN ACKNOWLEDGED ANY ONE OF THE EMPLOYEES.

ELIGIO ALSO SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHO THE DECEDENT WAS AND SAID HE HAD NOT SEEN ON THE PROPERTY ANY TIME BEFORE, STATING HE GOT TO WORK AT 0630 HOURS. HE COULD NOT PROVIDE ME WITH ANY FURTHER INFORMATION AND HE WAS THANKED FOR HIS TIME.

FURTHER INVESTIGATION PENDING.

END OF REPORT.

OROZCO D98

*** APPROVED HALE S-7 ***

ON 11/17/2014 AT APPROXIMATELY 1200 HOURS I WAS ASKED BY DETECTIVE OROZCO TO INTERVIEW MARCOS MANRIQUEZ. MANRIQUEZ WAS EARLIER IDENTIFIED AS A WITNESS TO THE INCIDENT OF THIS SUICIDE.

MANRIQUEZ EXPLAINED TO ME HE WAS INSIDE THE BACK SHOP WHEN ELIGIO NUNEZ TOLD HIM TO TURN AND LOOK AT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS RUNNING WITHOUT SHOES. WHEN MANRIQUEZ TURNED TO LOOK HE SAW JOSE SANDOVAL, ANOTHER EMPLOYEE, FOLLOWING AFTER THE SUBJECT AND YELLING AT HIM TO "STOP". MANRIQUEZ SAID THE SUBJECT AT FIRST WAS JOGGING, BUT THEN RAN STRAIGHT TO THE SMALLER SILO AND BEGAN TO CLIMB IT. NUNEZ GAVE CHASE TO THE SUBJECT AS HE CLIMBED THE LADDER, AND ALSO CLIMBED BEHIND THE SUBJECT. ONCE THE SUBJECT CLIMBED TO THE TOP OF THE SILO, HE IMMEDIATELY JUMPED OFF AND NUNEZ WAS UNABLE TO PREVENT HIM. ACCORDING TO MANRIQUEZ, THE SUBJECT LANDED ON HIS HEAD ON THE CONCRETE.

NO FURTHER ACTION TAKEN AT THIS TIME.

RUIZ D97 / 11-21-14

***** APPROVED HALE S-7 *****

ON 11-21-14, I TRAVELED TO THE MERCED COUNTY SHERIFF CORONER OFFICE TO PICK UP EVIDENCE COLLECTED DURING THE AUTOPSY OF THE DECEDENT. AFTER HAVING MET WITH DEPUTY CORONER J. HICKS, I WAS PROVIDED WITH TWO PROPERTY RECEIPT FORMS REGARDING THE EVIDENCE I PICKED UP. IT SHOULD BE NOTED IN THIS REPORT, THAT ALL ITEMS OF EVIDENCE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN PACKAGED, LABELED AND SEALED AT THE CORONER'S OFFICE. THE WHITE LABEL AFFIXED TO THE ITEMS OF EVIDENCE DISPLAYS THE CORONER CASE NUMBER 2014-35835 AND A DESCRIPTION OF ITS CONTENTS.

ALL ITEMS OF EVIDENCE WERE TRANSPORTED TO THE SHERIFF INVESTIGATIONS OFFICE TO BE LOGGED INTO EVIDENCE. I WENT AHEAD AND LABELED EACH ITEM OF EVIDENCE WITH THE CASE NUMBER AND ITEM NUMBER PERTAINING TO THIS INVESTIGATION.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE LATER LOGGED INTO EVIDENCE:

ITEM 9-1 AUTOPSY PHOTO DISC

ITEM 9-2 DNA CARD

ITEM 9-3 BLUE PLAID BOXER SHORTS

ITEM 9-4 1 PAIR GREY SOCKS

ITEM 9-5 1 PAIR GREEN SOCKS

ITEM 9-6 GREY/BLEU STRIPE SWEATSHIRT

ITEM 9-7 WHITE T-SHIRT

ITEM 9-8 GREEN SWEATSHIRT

ITEM 9-9 BLUE JEANS

ITEM 9-10 PURPLE SWEATSHIRT

THE TWO PROPERTY RECEIPTS AND AN EVIDENCE TAG WERE TURNED IN WITH THIS REPORT.

FURTHER INVESTIGATION PENDING.

OROZCO D98 / JW 11-24-14

*** APPROVED HALE S-7 ***